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What It Means To Follow Jesus.

John 1:43 "Follow me."

Intro. Where, when and how does one find religion?
When does a person have religion?

I. We may find Religion the same way the disciples found it.

1. They followed Jesus, as leader, teacher and example. As pupils and apprentices of Jesus they found a religion to live by.
As such they were Xns- followers of Christ.

2. To be a Xn is to be a follower of Christ, a pupil in his school and an apprentice in his way of living.
Suppose it were necessary in order to be a Xn
to know to believe to observe to have?
3. The following of leaders- the genius of society.
Do we follow Jesus as our spiritual Leader?

II. The Disciples had a religion to live by.

1. Their following Jesus became their religion.
At first no creed, no baptism. Came later.
Jesus did not ask Peter how good he was.
All he did ask- that they become his pupils and apprentices.

2. Exactly the same thing is true of us.
a-We determine our lives by the teachings of J. and by his way of living, and thereby we have a religion to live by.
b- We cannot live with Jesus as did the disciples. Thanks to the Gospel records, we can follow his teachings and practice his way of living,
c- Some of the paths he invites us to travel-
1. Recognition of the supreme claims of God.
2. The study of the scriptures.
3. The practice of sincere prayer
4. Response to noblest spiritual impusles.
5. The forsaking of evil ways.

6. The strenuous pursuit of right and good.
7. The love of neighbor as of oneself.
8. Faithfulness in public worship.
9. Testimony of him to others. Into all the world.
10. Unselfish service.

III. The religion of the disciples grew from day to day.

1. They absorbed his lessons and observed his ways. They grew stronger in the practice of the things he gave them to do.

2. We are to follow a similar process.
   a- The N.T. gives us all necessary directions.
   b- The spirit of Jesus in Christlike souls.
   c- The help of the Church.
   d= We, too, must learn by practicing, by doing the things Christ would have us do.
   e- We may not understand, may stumb,e and fall, even as did the disciples.
   Like in school-grades, lessons, misconduct.
   When we thus follow Christ we have a religion to live by, that grows from day to day.

IV. The disciples continued to find religion after the death of Jesus.

1. Came to a fuller understanding. Spirit of Truth.
2. We have the Spirit of Truth to lead us on and on.
   a- In Christ every truth is an addition to our religion. All truth clarifies and illumines our R
   b- Thru practice we learn more and more. By doing.

V. Christians grow strong thru Experience.
The riches of God in Christ-awakens a responsive love
The greatness and glory of God in X brings an expansion to our own hearts and minds and souls and awakens within us impulses to high ~~living~~ and noble living

VI. Following Christ begets character(Xn).
We cannot tell whether a man is a Xn by his character.
Man of high character may be headed away from X
Man of low character may be traveling with X.